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Monstrous? Frankenstein visits local stage

Lester L. Holmes, Jr.
Staff Writer

Another chapter of the saga of Dr. Frankenstein will be told tonight as Barefoot Productions opens a third season of theater in Plymouth with a contemporary adaptation of Mary Shelley's novel, "Playing with Fire (after Frankenstein)."

The play, according to Barefoot Productions founder and Artistic Director Craig Hane, will focus on Dr. Frankenstein who travels to the North Pole to destroy the creature he created more than five years before. The story becomes more complicated, however, as the creature tells the story of his creation and subsequent life before meeting his demise.

Hane said much of the conversation between the creature and his creator has relevance with many of the social issues facing modern society "What is beauty, what is acceptable...lots of contemporary issues that are very mirrored to things in society today," said Hane.

The play will take place at the former Walker/Buzenberg building, located at 240 N. Main St. in Plymouth.

Hane said the six member cast

"We really want to keep the momentum going."

Artistic Director
Craig Hane

is a group of young actors from the Plymouth, Livonia and Redford areas. There will be two sets of Frankensteins and creatures to show reflections from the creature's creation to the encounter on the North Pole.

While Hane said the audience would still see the stitches and other noticeable trademarks of the monster, the play is based more on the book than the movie inspired presentation

(Playing with) is an intelligent, emotional production. Totally different version from what people are used to," said Hane who added that the age of the cast reflects the actual age of characters in the book.

"Victor Frankenstein was 19 when he created the creature in his own image. Our cast is young with a

few new faces."

Barefoot officials are expecting a big year in local theater. Buoyed by sell-out crowds from their last production, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the company expects to match or exceed those crowds this time around.

To incorporate the Halloween season into the show, Hane said a special 11 p.m. show is scheduled Oct 31. Hane is hopeful that *Playing with Fire* will keep the theater company in the minds of those looking for local entertainment as the company will present other plays in February and May of 2009.

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Playing with Fire will debut at 8 tonight with another 8 p.m. show on Saturday and a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. The play will resume Oct 31 with a 7 p.m. and 11p.m. performance and an 8 p.m. performance on Nov. 1. The show will close with a 2 p.m. matinee on Nov. 2. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors 60 and over. For more information or ticket reservations, contact call 734-560-1493 or visit www.ticketleap.com.

To learn more about Barefoot Productions, visit www.justgobarefoot.com.

Write on Essay contest under way

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

Area Veterans of Foreign Wars posts are currently searching for students interested in sharing their thoughts on patriotism in return for the chance to receive college scholarships.

Students in grades 6-8 are eligible to participate in the annual Patriot's Pen essay contest. This year, participants are asked to write a 300-400 word essay on the topic of 'Why America's Veterans Should Be Honored.' As part of a national competition sponsored by the VFW, all writers will be judged at the local level. Winning entries will move on to try to maximize their prizes as they compete at different levels, with the winner of the national program earning a \$10,000 savings bond and a trip to Washington D.C.

High school students will also have a chance to showcase their skill by writing an essay on the topic of "Service and Sacrifice by America's Veterans Benefit Today's Youth by..." The participant then records his or her essay as though he or she was presenting it as a speech before an audience. The taped audio

essay should be 3-5 minutes long. The contest is open to students in grades 9-12. Like the Patriot's Pen competition, speeches will compete first at the local level with winning entries moving on to compete again at different levels. The winner of the national contest will receive a \$30,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington D.C.

Students interested in entering their works in one of two free scholarship competitions shouldn't delay, however, since the entry deadline for each of the programs is Nov. 1.

That is also the final day to nominate a K-12 teacher for the National Citizenship Education Teachers' Award. Designed to reward teachers who "teach citizenship topics regularly" and who "promote America's history and traditions", the contest offers a cash prize for professional development for the winning teacher as well as a prize for the school at which he-or-she teaches.

For more information about the competitions, students should contact a VFW post in their area for more information or visit www.vfw.org.

Anniversary celebration planned at local school

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

Madison Elementary School is currently searching for former students and staff interested in helping to celebrating the 50th anniversary of the school on Nov. 3.

The school, which originally opened in 1958, will be the site of an anniversary celebration from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Nov. 3 with an open house for past and present Madison Mustangs.

"We'll have a lot of information on the history of the school," said Madison Elementary School principal Sandy Kingston.

Visitors will also have chance to tour the school, examine the items students plan to bury in a commemorative time capsule, and hopefully view the contents of a time capsule buried in 1983 during the 25th anniversary celebration at the school.

Recovering the hidden capsule has turned out to be more of a challenge than originally anticipated. Students were not told where the capsule was interred to lower the risk of theft and neither the former principal nor the former custodian have been able to recall precisely where the capsule was buried.

"I've got a metal detector sitting in my office right now," said Kingston. "I am determined to find it."

The courtyards at the school have taken on the appearance of an archeological dig site as administrators attempt to recover the capsule, with trenches lining the western walls—the only location clue staffers were given.

"The kids are really excited about it—I hope we can find it," said Kingston. "Every time they walk by the windows they cheer."

Due to upcoming school renovations, all but one of the courtyards at the school will soon be repurposed and the time capsule, if not recovered now, could be buried under cement and lost.

On Monday, Kingston was still searching for contact information for former Madison Parent Teacher Association President Jean Harrison in the hopes that she might recall where it was placed.

After the conclusion of the open house, interested participants will have chance to continue the reunion while benefiting the current students by participating in a dining fundraiser from 5-10 p.m. at the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant, 36750 Ford Road in Westland.

"We're going to continue the party over there," said Kingston.

A portion of each bill and 10 percent of each gift card purchased will be donated to the school, Madison will also be hosting a cowboy and cowgirl costume contest and bake sale at

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Sandy Kingston

the restaurant.

Anyone with information on where the capsule is located or who desires further information is asked to contact the school at (734) 419-

2710. No pre-registration is required for either event. James Madison Elementary School is located at 1075 South Carlson Road in Westland.

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Halloween concert replaced by ‘Band o Rama’

Andrea King
 Staff Writer

The Belleville High School Bands will present Band-o-Rama tonight, in lieu of the annual Halloween concert.

Band-o-Rama will begin at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium and will include the musicianship of the band program, according to Nick Taylor, director of the bands.

Although the annual Halloween concert is a major hit, Taylor said the set-up takes a lot of time and energy and help to put the show on was dwindling. He felt it was time to take a break and try something different.

“The Halloween concert people love and the payoff is huge, but it’s different now,” he said. “It’s always been about the kids

performing and playing music and sometimes the costumes and characters and that takes the focus off making music and music is what we’re supposed to be about.

“I hope everyone enjoys this big-old show, too,” he added.

“We’re showing off the talent of the kids, whether it’s a large group, smaller group or solo acts,” he said. “We’re taking a shot at this and we want to get everyone out to support us.”

Audience members will hear a 15-piece trombone choir; a saxophone choir; the more than 50-student symphony band and flute concert during the show. The second half will also feature the marching band and different ensembles, such as a solo bass guitarist and brass choir. In all, more

than 300 students will take the harmonious stage.

“People can expect a variety of music, along with many different sizes of ensembles and a marching band that is second to none,” said Mike Campbell, music teacher at the high school. “People have a chance to see the many fine musicians that make this band program special.”

“It’s all different music; classical, fun, jazz oriented; a whole range of things,” said Taylor. “It’s recognizable and music people will know.”

Assistant Principal Debra Cooper said as many know, the bands have received the highest of honors, not only in the state, but also nationally, so whatever they present will be top notch and first class.

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Campbell said students have been preparing for the past month. People should come to the first-ever Band-O-Rama to see the students and musician level shine.

“We’re hoping to alternate between this and the Halloween concert each year, but the students have been rehearsing on their own, too, and taking initia-

tive,” said Taylor. “The Belleville bands have a strong tradition of making great music and it shows. This will be nothing less of that.”

Admission is \$5 and tickets can be purchased at the door. Proceeds go toward the Belleville Band Boosters. For more information, contact Belleville High School at (734) 697-9133.

Haunted Hangar? Air museum hosts movie event

The Yankee Air Museum in Belleville will host a Haunted Hangar and Family Movie Night tomorrow from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Hangar 2 of the Willow Run Airport.

The event will include the movie “Flight of the Navigator” on the hangar floor, free candy for children dropped by aircraft, along

with free soda and popcorn during the movie, too. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Tom Ryan—formerly known as Count Scary—will emcee. Tickets are \$20 for the family, \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members (but only \$5 for those in costume). For more information, call (734) 483-4030.

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Career fast track

Belleville High School Career Center students recently took first place in the drag racing event at the high school nationals. Thirty-five schools participated in the event that gives points for consistency in various speed brackets. The cars were rated on how fast they could travel in a quarter mile. The eight-member Belleville High School team included: William Caloia, Steve Kull, Dennis Adkins, Royce White, Jessica Ortnr, Tyler Schneider, Jori Remus and Erin Rodgers. Races consisted of four speed brackets: 12:00-13:99 seconds, 14:00-15:99 seconds, 16:01-17:99 seconds and 18:00 and slower. The Belleville High School team that participated in the spring event in Ohio won second place, as well, school officials said. Pictured are William Caloia, Steve Kull, Dennis Adkins and Royce White.

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Project brings renewal to blighted area

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Inkster City Council members gave a developer who will replace a dilapidated school with 32 new homes final approval for the project Monday night.

First Community Development, a developer that builds homes in stressed communities in the hope of making home ownership a possibility for families that may not otherwise be able to purchase a home, can now build the 32 homes on a parcel of land at Moore and Andover streets, where the old Douglas School building stands.

Council members after a meeting with developers last month, approved Neighborhood Enterprise Zone status for the

project Monday night.

The school, which has been closed for more than 20 years and apparently has not been used for other purposes, will be knocked down within 60 days to make room for the homes, according to the development plan.

Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) designation would give homeowners a nearly two-thirds tax break on their property taxes for 12 years. Also, buyers would be eligible for down payment assistance though Wayne County. That assistance, depending on an applicant's income, can reach \$60,000 at the high end.

The homes that will be built on the site are market rate ranches and colonials that will be sold before they are built to prevent a glut of unsold homes during a difficult real estate

market, according to Mark Lewis of Lewis/Klein Properties, one of the partner firms that make up First Community Development. The homes come in both three- or four-bedroom floor plans.

All homes are equipped with energy-efficient appliances that will sell for \$130,000 to \$180,000, depending on the model.

The loans potential residents would receive are from lenders that work with community development, and standard, 30-year fixed mortgages that are not sub prime.

The parcel of land where the homes site is owned by Bishop Clarence Haddon of the High Praise Cathedral of Faith, who is working with Lewis. The church is next door to the parcel where the homes will be constructed.

Extensive infrastructure work, including

extending sewer lines and repairing old ones, will need to be completed before homes can be built. It's unclear at this time whether the homes can be constructed before winter arrives.

Roads will also need to be constructed.

The impending inclement weather may delay the infrastructure work until next spring, which means neighbors should see homes being constructed by May or June 2009.

The Douglas School, which was once part of the Inkster School District, was acquired by Haddon 12 years ago. The building has been boarded up for many years, and sits in an area which is already predominantly residential.

Attempts to reach Lewis were unsuccessful.

Calendar of events

Organization hosts dinner

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) of Western Wayne County is hosting the annual "Fight For Freedom" dinner next week.

The dinner will take place from 3-5 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Wayne Tree Manor in the City of Wayne.

This year, the guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Carlyle Fielding Stewart III, the pastor of Hope United Methodist Church in Southfield.

The honorary co-chairperson this year is Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans.

Tickets are \$80 per person, which includes a year long membership in the organization.

The Wayne Tree Manor is located at 31400 Van Born Road.

For more information, call Edna Parker, (734) 722-2868; Aaron Sims, (734) 334-0459; or Carl L. Johnson, (734) 612-9909

Second Monday Book Club continues

The Romulus Public Library Monday Night Book Club is open to all residents 18 and older.

Book discussions are free and participants need not register in advance.

The library will have copies of the books, or staff members will assist readers in getting inter-library loan copy.

The remaining book that will be analyzed is "A River Runs Through It" by Norman Maclean. It will be discussed Nov. 10.

Refreshments will be served.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

—Events are compiled by Staff Writer Molly Tippen.

Positions

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casino to open in the City of Romulus earlier this year failed to get enough support at the federal level when Congress did not approve the bill.

Lear Corp. also closed a seating facility in the city, putting several more people out of work.

In other positive jobs news, Saturn Electronics on Northline Road obtained new contracts, and

will likely ask the city for approval of and assistance for a 40,000-square-foot addition to the facility. The addition could house an additional 60-80 workers, Mayor Alan Lambert said.

The MEDC is helping seven companies grow in Michigan and is backing two downtown Brownfield redevelopment projects as well.

Including JCIM, the nine projects are expected to create 7,556 new jobs, retain 86 jobs and generate more than \$489.2 million in new investment, according to state figures.

citizens regardless of their income also qualify for DTE Energy's Winter Protection Plan. This program protects seniors and low-income customers from shutoff between Nov. 1 and March 31. During this period, customers must pay a portion of their estimated annual bill plus regular payments on any past-due bills. After March 31, the required bill payments will increase to cover winter bills.

Many assistance programs are available by calling 211 at United Way. Programs that are available include low-income weatherization that includes caulking, weather stripping, and insulation. The Heat and Warmth Fund, or THAW, also helps people facing a shutoff who have exhausted all federal and state funding programs.

For more information on the winter utility programs, call the Department of Human Services office or the Energy Assistance Hotline at (800) 292-5650.

—News briefs are compiled by Staff Writer Molly Tippen.

that has been in the city since the late 1920s; and Dick Kruse, an educator and music director at Romulus High School who taught thousands of students the power of music.

All nomination forms and biographical information must be received in person, or postmarked, by Dec. 12.

Nomination forms can be obtained at the chamber office at 11189 Shook Road, or by e-mailing the chamber at info@romuluschamber.com.

More information is available at (734) 893-0696.

Festival returns to Main Street

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Belleville National Strawberry Festival will move back to Main Street next year.

The 2009 event will have vendors and children's rides on Main Street, while the carnival will remain at Belleville High School.

Mayor Richard Smith said residents wanted more public notice so they could add input, but Councilman George Chedraue said if anyone wanted to speak about the festival, they should be at the meeting.

"If they don't want it on Main Street then start lining up, but there's a business to run and they (organizers) need to plan, too," Chedraue said. "They're doing a better job promoting the city that us five sitting up here. They're doing a hell of a job and we're holding them back.

"The issue is not going to change. We need to make a decision," he added. "The meeting was posted, people know and I don't think the decision should be postponed."

Chedraue made the motion to allow the festival back on Main Street, which was unanimously approved by city council members Monday night.

Joan Bodnar, executive director of the festival, said the board is working hard to ensure that the event will showcase the city as the best family festival. Some projects they are working on include: increasing the number of crafters, better signage, updating the website and ensuring the safety of all residents and visitors.

"Incidents were reduced last year and we want to bring more officers on with more funding,"

she said. "It's still valuable for us to be on Main Street. The festival suffered last year because of the move."

Bodnar said vendors were cut in half last year. She hopes to bring up the standards this year by starting early.

Mark Burger, president elect for the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce board, said the group made about \$51,000 from the event in 2007, but was down \$31,000 last year because they weren't on Main Street.

"There wasn't really anything at the high school and I'm afraid funding would be cut again for the chamber if we're not on Main Street, we desperately need to be there," he said.

Councilmembers, however, did have concerns with past safety problems on West Columbia Street and the carnival. Last year, officials were told everything would be encapsulated for the carnival and secured with a wristband entrance, but none of that happened, according to Councilman Jim Shrove.

"This bothers me. I have a real problem with telling us one thing and then doing another," he said.

Burger said every person under the age of 18 would have to have a wristband after 6 p.m. if they are not with a parent or

guardian. The carnival will also be fenced off.

"A lot of it was financial difficulties and making up on the fly so I apologize for that, but I can say there will be a policy this year," said Burger.

Officials are also factoring in other festival competition, which is why sending letters to vendors—hoping to see at least 50 crafters in 2009—as soon as they get the go ahead is important, Bodnar said.

Other concerns from residents, like Kim Tindall, were the fact that last year, the event lacked publicity.

"I can't fathom how the website wasn't updated and there was no signage in town," she said. "I really think no one knew about this festival; there was no advertising."

However, Bodnar said there were TV and radio spots and, more media coverage in 2008 than there was in 2007.

Other residents, such as Mike Renaud, said he thinks a lot of people in the city would rather get Main Street paved and done than have the festival there.

"We're having a festival and the place people enjoy it is downtown," said resident and former Mayor Tom Fielder. "The effort of this government should be we're going to put it downtown."

Inkster manager search continues

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A special meeting of the Inkster City Council yesterday likely means the city will set another interview date for candidates that have applied for the position of Inkster City Manager.

The meeting – which took place at the Inkster City Hall after publication deadline – was open to the public. Council members resolved at their regular Monday night meeting to again get together for the purpose of discussing the manager's position said City Clerk Velida Gutierrez-Smith.

"The meeting will take place at 4:30 p.m.," she said, adding that the position was discussed in a closed session of the council.

Current City Manager Joyce Parker – who has stayed on to steer day-to-day operations well past her Oct. 15 exit date – has agreed to stay with the city until a new manager is found.

New prospects

On Sept. 13, five candidates were selected by council members after a professional search by the Michigan Municipal League. That session resulted in an offer to Fred Zorn, the former economic development director for the City of Taylor.

However, the city was

informed about a week after the interviews that Zorn had accepted a position as the deputy manager of the City of Southfield. It is not known why he declined to accept the top spot in Inkster; and attempts to reach him for comment were unsuccessful.

Council members' initial second choice, former Eastpointe City Manager D. Wayne O'Neal, did not receive enough support from the council to allow for an offer of employment amid concerns that he would ask to be paid the top pay for the position, which is \$105,000 per year.

The city apparently will not interview anyone who initially interviewed for the position, unless a decision is made to bring back some of the applicants.

Duties and responsibilities

The city manager acts as a chief operating officer for the city on a day-to-day basis, and oversees five city departments and

about 130 employees. The manager also spearheads economic development within the city.

The manager also oversees the city budget and several departments including economic development, building and code, parks and recreation, police and fire.

As soon as a manager is located there will be several tasks, including a looming annual city audit, hiring a new treasurer, and working on several projects.

Parker submitted her resignation for the second time in one year in August. She said she was leaving the city to spend more time with her family, and to take advantage of other career opportunities. She has served under two councils.

A manager can only be hired after a majority vote of the seven-member Inkster City Council, though most councils prefer a unanimous vote to give the applicant additional support coming into the positions.

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DTE offers utility assistance, programs

With winter just around the corner, it's important residents begin preparing themselves and their homes for colder weather:

DTE Energy and Consumer's Energy offer a number of programs to help customers who are struggling with their energy bills.

Payment assistance programs offered to customers include medical emergencies program to postpone shutoffs in the event of a medical issue and shutoff protection plan to spread future bills out over the year and to include equal monthly payments on an unpaid balance in order to avoid a shutoff.

Some consumers and all senior

Award

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will assess the nomination forms.

"There is a four-member committee of chamber members that will look at the applications and make a decision," Johnston said.

A winner will be announced before the end of the year, Johnston said.

The chamber has selected a person of the year for 23 years. In the past, winners have included Mark Lewkowicz, who owns a business

OPINION

New faces needed on Northville board

With the ousting of incumbent Brad Werner in the August primary, there will be a new face on the Northville Township Board of Trustees.

Although the board has a good working relationship, we think that change is a good thing. In fact, we'd like to see two new faces on the board after the November election.

Incumbents Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans and Christopher Roosen have a couple of legitimate contenders in Carol Poenisch and Mindy Hermann. All are solid candidates that would take on the task well.

Northville Township will face plenty of challenges in the coming years—including the budgetary constraints that everyone is facing nowadays, as well as the development of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital site—we think the community will be best served with a mixture of level-headed incumbents and passionate newcomers.

Township voters should select Banner, Gans, Poenisch and Hermann to represent them for the next four years.

Banner has been a sound presence on the board since she was elected eight years ago. When asked what she brings to the office, her first reply was a level head. That is true, and it will

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be a needed commodity in the difficult days to come. Banner has also done a good job on the Zoning Board of Appeals—a thankless job if there ever was one—so she knows the downside of some of the decisions made by the board and planning commission.

Gans has done nothing but serve the community for more than 30 years. His experience—both as a planning commissioner and as a long-time resident—will be invaluable in the coming years. Gans has shown a remarkable ability to get things accomplished when people said they couldn't be done—oftentimes through the help of volunteers and corporate donations that have resulted in added amenities for township resi-

dents with little additional township expense.

Poenisch has been a strong supporter of the community, as well. Most people recognize the name through the fight to stop the hospital property from being annexed to the City of Livonia, but she has worked with the township before, too, behind the scenes on millage campaigns and the like. She's shown that she can get things done. She's earned her spot.

Hermann is a bit of a wild card, but we like that. Her career in the Marine Corps will help her bring a unique perspective to the board, as well. We like her dedication to watching the township budget line item by line item, and we think once she gets a proper view of how the township works, she will provide a valuable asset in that way.

The board is ideally situated to take on a couple of new people. There will be plenty of experience behind the dais, since Township Supervisor Mark Abbo, Clerk Sue Hillebrand and Treasurer Dick Henningsen have no challengers to their posts.

It's a good time to bring in new people and reward those that have served well. Residents should vote for **Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Carol Poenisch and Mindy Hermann** on Nov. 4.

Our choices for Northville school board are:

Voters in the Northville Public School District have a difficult choice ahead of them.

Four qualified people are seeking election to two open seats on the Northville Public School Board, including long-time incumbent—and current board president Joan Wadsworth—along with Jacob Espinosa, Dottie Garrity and Carol Grimmer.

There will be a new face on the board, too, since long-serving member Judith Wollack decided not to seek re-election. That will be a good thing, though, because the board could use a fresh perspective and there is plenty of experience on the board as it is.

We think the best choices to lead the district into the future are Wadsworth and Garrity.

Wadsworth has a breadth of experience that will be invaluable during the trying times ahead. In addition to her time on the board she is active at school functions and in the community. She is always accessible and pleasant. She knows the issues, does the research and always presents a sound, balanced viewpoint to the board.

In spite of all those qualifications, her presence may be

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her most important contribution. During her time on the board, the district has faced some challenging decisions—school boundary changes, a look at privatizing services, and the recent contentious teacher negotiations. Wadsworth has often steered the board during those times and she has always done it with a degree of grace that's hard to find these days.

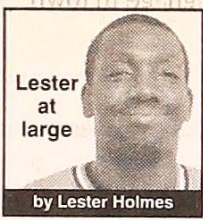
The challengers all have good qualities, too. We like Garrity for her management background, which includes

human resources, accounting and information technology experience. She has also been active in the district, too, serving on the transition team for Ridge Wood Elementary School, the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) there, as well as other organizations like the Northville Mother's Club. She served on the ethics board in Northville Township, too.

We also like her emphasis on communication between teachers, the board and parents and her reference to the overall district team. It was refreshing, too, to hear her at the Legislative Action Network (LAN) school board forum on Monday night. She has a good grasp of what it takes in terms of time commitment and has already factored that into her routine. She was not afraid to admit she didn't have all the answers—and at this stage, voters should hardly expect her to—but that just means she'll be going into the situation with an open mind.

We think the Northville School District will be well served by any of the candidates. The board would be best served by the combination of the experience provided by **Joan Wadsworth**, and the open fresh perspective of **Dottie Garrity**.

Yes, you can go home again



Lester at large
by Lester Holmes

A trip to my home town recently reminded me that no matter how much of adult you are or how many grown-up responsibilities you have, Mom will still be mom.

Typically, I try to visit my mother several times each year, but due to gas prices and a busier schedule (my hometown is Pittsburgh, PA) I've only been home three times during the past 18 months. My mother had a stroke a decade ago and while she is as mentally sharp and lucid as ever, she no longer has the ability to walk—but that did not stop her from her first responsibility, making sure that I'm OK.

As soon as I stepped into her place, she asked me if I was hungry and offered me everything from pastries to four course meals. I wasn't hungry and her insistence on feeding me started to become an irritation. Just at that moment I realized she was just doing what all parents do, take care of their chil-

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'Approved by default' should be rejected

There's a strange phrase that's been floating around my mind lately.

"Approved by default."

I've been watching the political game for a while now, and I still hadn't heard it until recently, when I found out a number of Westland City Council members and Mayor Bill Wild could face a recall election simply because the body that decides whether language could be placed on the ballot wasn't all there.

The language was "approved by default." Organizers of the recall election now just have to get enough signatures to place it on the ballot in order for the election to go forward.

This doesn't seem right. The Wayne County Elections Commission is a three-person body. It doesn't take much, in the grand scheme of things, for two of the members to be absent and anything that appears in front of them on that day would be approved by default.

Given the high stakes that this might lead to—the added expense of a special election, the acrimony they can cause in the community,

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the black mark it could place on someone's resume—there needs to be more to this process. I could see a 'tabled by default' judgment—that would be more fair.

As it now, it could just become a numbers game. Keep bringing the issue back before the commission and eventually there will be a lack of quorum and the issue can take a step forward—by default.

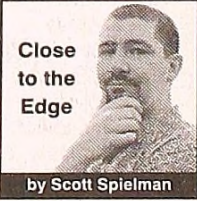
This is important because more and more often we're seeing people take the knee-jerk 'recall' response to an issue they don't like. In Westland, it was a proposed development. It was bandied about in Northville over school boundary changes. Members of the Wayne-Westland School Board may face

one because they didn't cave in to the teacher's union—and demands that were probably dictated by the state teachers' union, rather than the local one.

There are better ways to handle unpopular decisions. Threatening a recall every time you disagree with an elected official amounts to government by bullying. We're better than that, aren't we?

Granted, having the language approved is just another step in the process. They still need to get enough support in the form of signatures on the petitions. But these people are elected by voters so they can make difficult decisions for the overall good of the community. They shouldn't be threatened because they're doing their job.

And they shouldn't have to worry about defending themselves for doing their job just because a couple members of an appointed board weren't there to do theirs.



Close to the Edge
by Scott Spielman



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Letters

Thayer's Park volunteers thanked

To the editor:

The work day on Oct. 11 saw 46 volunteers hard at work sprucing up the grounds and cutting a trail around the pond (at Thayer's Corners).

Much was accomplished by the 29 Northville High School honor students, eight Schoolcraft College Phi Theta Kappa (national honor society) students, along with Jean Beamish, Debbie Brown, Sharon Diron, Hank Fritz, Rikki Gans, Steve Lomski, Pete Magar and Virginia Miller. Good comradeship was enjoyed afterward over lunch provided by Genittis & Parmeenters—truly good community spirit. Many thanks to all of you.

If you haven't checked out this gem of a park (on Napier Road, north of Six Mile Road, fall is an ideal time, as the colors are lovely. Preschoolers can even be guaranteed sightings of "critters" (rabbits, turtles, deer, geese and squirrels) along the short white trail. We are still looking for donations of outdoor, natural appearing, raccoons, turkeys, skunks and any other native wildlife to add to this unique trail. Please call Friends of Thayer's Corner Park at (734) 420-0790 for more information.

Marv Gans
Northville

Resident claims "We can't afford not to..."

To the editor:

Several people have written concerned that we cannot afford the proposed millage for improvements to our schools and rehabilitation of the high school.

The way I see it, we can't afford not to reinvest in our schools. When employers look to invest or relocate in a community, one of the first things they look at are the quality and condition of the schools. They want to make sure that they will have a skilled workforce that they can draw on in the future. If we don't reinvest in our schools and our children's education, the employers and high paying jobs will leave our region for other areas on the country. If we have to sacrifice a little today so that everyone has a better chance at a decent job tomorrow, then that is exactly what we need to do. Besides, what is it we are being asked to "sacrifice"—for the average Van Buren Township household about \$235 a year or 65 cents a day.

The other major concern I have heard in the community is falling home values. This is simply a case of supply and demand. If we want to attract people to buy the existing homes in our community, we have to supply what those potential residents are seeking. We all know one of the

first things people look at when buying a home is the quality and condition of the schools. Whether we like it or not, our home values are inexorably linked to the quality of the schools. To maintain or improve our home values, not only do we need to paint the trim, we need to reinvest in our schools. I would argue spending \$235 a year on the schools, and having improved schools to promote, would result in a greater increase in value than spending that money directly on your house.

Finally, I would like to point out to Van Buren Township residents that the 6-mill tax for water and sewer improvements expires at then end of 2009. I haven't heard anyone, including the candidates for township supervisor, suggest that that millage should be renewed. Therefore, even if you vote for the school millage, your taxes will be going down at the end of 2009. It's a win-win situation for everyone—the schools are improved and your taxes go down.

Vote yes on the school proposals for jobs, our home values, and our kids!

Dan Swallow
Van Buren Township

Send us your letters

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Holiday Home Tour is Nov. 14-15

It really is that time of year again.

Volunteers from the Northville Community Foundation are preparing for the annual Holiday Home Tour, an annual event in the community that usually draws more than 1,500 people to the area.

"The home tour is always fabulous, and it will be really terrific again this year," noted Shari Peters, director of the foundation. "We have five homes and five really talented decorators," she added. "From what I've seen so far, this will be a really great tour."

Peters did caution that those

planning to attend should try to get tickets as early as possible because they do "go fast."

"So many people tell us about the great ideas they get when they see what the decorators do, and just these homes alone are worth the trip," Peters said. This is a fundraiser for the foundation which helps pay for senior gift baskets, part of the teen programs and several other community efforts.

Tickets are exchanged for maps to the decorated homes at Ward Church in Northville the days of the tour. "We stagger the starting homes so that we

have some traffic control," Peters said. "And it gives people more time to walk through and really enjoy the homes."

Advance tickets for the event, which takes place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, Nov. 15 are \$20.

Tickets purchased the day of the tour are \$22.

Tickets are available at Gardenviews in Northville, the Northville Chamber of Commerce and the foundation office, 18600 Northville Road, Suite 275.

For more information, phone (248) 374-0200.

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1. Obituaries

Knasiak, Bernice, October 16, 2008, age 91 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late John. Dear mother of Karen Overmyer (William), Geraldine Beebe, Vincent Knasiak and the late Ronald. Grandmother of Michelle, Robert, Sandra, Victoria and Great grandmother of Noah, Hannah, Heather and Amaya. Sister of Mary Bilicki, Virginia Sanoeki, Ann Warfield, and Eugene Swicz. Funeral Mass was held Monday, October 20, at St. Mary Catholic Church with Father David Burgard officiating. Funeral arrangements by Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

Lawrence Robert Ocholik Born Oct. 10, 1927 Died Oct. 06, 2008 Final Resting Place Shrine of Remembrance/ Michigan Memorial



Mallory, Mary "Amanda", Fri., Oct. 17, 2008. Beloved mother of Marsha Kincy, and

sisters Thelma Stokes, Emma J. Baldwin, grandchildren, a host of relatives and friends. Viewing Wed., Oct. 22, 2008 from 9-11 am, Funeral service 11 am. at Alfonso Cannon Funeral Chapels, Inc., 231519 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA. 19132. Int. Northwood Cemetery.

Pietrowski, Adelle A. Age 88 of Dundee, MI formerly Romulus. Passed Oct. 17, 2008. Dear Mother of John R. (Maryann) Pietrowski-Dundee, MI Philip (Teresa) Pietrowski-Petersburg, MI, Joseph B. Pietrowski-Cape May, NJ and Peter J. (Patti) Pietrowski-Milan, MI. Grandmother of 12 and Great Grandmother of 13. Sister of Mrs. Elizabeth Petula-Taylor, MI, Mrs. Josephine Wojtowicz-Ypsilanti, MI and Mrs. Genevieve Harrison-New Jersey. She was preceded in passing by: Parents Joseph and Angeline (Kordas) Ryznar, Husband Joseph B. Pietrowski and brothers Hank, Edward, Stanley and John Ryznar. Services were held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church on Mon. Oct. 20 Father Festus Edjimadu officiant. Interment Marble Park Cemetery-Milan, MI. Arrangements by Crane Funeral Home-Romulus, www.cranefuneralhome.net

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Write in candidate hope to be treasurer

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Anyone interested in filing as a write-in candidate must do so by 4 p.m. on Friday.

According to Kathy Cline, deputy clerk for Van Buren Township, only one person has filed to date: Ann Frances Fioritto for treasurer.

Fioritto was defeated by Republican candidate Larry Fix for the supervisor's office during the primary election. Although she campaigned for supervisor in August, she said the results of the primary indicated that residents want and need change, therefore, with choices available for supervisor and clerk, she wanted to provide residents with a choice for the position of treasurer, she said.

If elected as treasurer, Fioritto said her goals include: transparency with the budget by posting it on the website and balancing the general fund budget by reducing expenses and generating revenue.

"From 2002-2008, about \$22.8 million has been taken from our reserves in order to balance the budget. Reserves include the landfill fund and 'rainy day' fund," she said. "Per the host community agreement, landfill revenues will only be available for the next six years. When this revenue is depleted, township residents can expect a flurry of new millages and/or a dramatic reduction in services.

"The current administration has ignored this issue," she added. "They have not made any attempt to reduce wages or fringe benefits and their only solution to generate revenue was to increase various fees charged to Van



Ann Fioritto

Buren residents."

Fioritto also said the current administration has a negative view of growth. They 'tout' the Standard & Poor's 'A' rating, but the rating is directly related to Visteon's decision to build their facilities in the township; a decision made without any initiative on the part of the current administration, she said.

As treasurer, Fioritto said she would be proactive in attracting new businesses to create new jobs, generate tax revenue and provide goods and services that residents are currently seeking elsewhere.

"I believe development should continue in the less rural areas north of Belleville Lake, while maintaining the rural areas of the south side of the township," she said. "Since nearly 70 percent of the township's residents live north of the lake, I think most of the population would view this growth as positive."

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Ann Fioritto

Fioritto, a former scientist at Pfizer for the global research department, has a bachelor's degree in science from the University of Michigan. She also served two terms on the homeowners association board of directors.

She said if elected as treasurer, she also feels serving on the township

Downtown Development Authority is critical. She said the group has ignored its mission and cancelled 18 of their last 22 meetings. Although no tax revenue supports the development group, it seems that office renovations, such as those completed for the supervisor's office last spring, are not an appropriate use of DDA funds, Fioritto said.

She would also make it a priority to communicate with the county, state and federal representatives to provide safe roadways for residents, she said, and is committed to addressing the residents' needs, while meeting the fiscal policy challenges of the current economy.

Incumbent Sharry Budd, who is running for her fourth term, said her priorities include: effi-



Sharry Budd

ciency and effectiveness in the management of local government, sound planning for Van Buren's future, the police and fire services, preserving the township character and atmosphere and recreation, parks and senior services.

"I have a proven track record of accomplishment," she said. "I'm an active member of the September Days, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Historical Society, the library board, the township planning commission and serve as a representative to many other committees and boards."

She also belongs to the Wayne County Treasurers Association, the Association of Public Treasurers United States and Canada, the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association and the Michigan Township Association.

As a Van Buren Township resident of more than 44 years with her husband Bill, she has served as township treasurer for 12 years. Budd started working in

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the township in 1981 as a bookkeeper. She eventually became deputy clerk before becoming treasurer of Van Buren. She is also a certified public finance administrator.

To file as a write-in candidate for the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, the only requirement is to file a declaration of intent form by 4 p.m. on Oct. 24. For more information, contact the township clerk's office at (734) 699-8909.

Salvation Army needs 'ringers'

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit is calling on residents to help fill the need for Red Kettle bell ringers this holiday season. The group needs to fill more than 50,000 two-hour shifts from Nov. 14 through Dec. 24.

Salvation Army officials are beginning the search for bell ringers earlier than ever this year to ensure there will be enough volunteers stationed at the 300 red kettles that will be located throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. The Salvation Army is hoping the Ringbell.org volunteer drive will help save \$200,000 in expenses during the 117th Red Kettle fundraising campaign this year.

"We know times are tough in metro Detroit, but our volunteer bell ringers are really the backbone of our Christmas fundraiser," said Major Norman Marshall, divisional commander for The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit. "Donating two hours of time to ring a bell can really make a difference to support those in need."

Bell ringing opportunities throughout Southeast Michigan are posted at www.ringbell.org. Anyone can log on, pick a preferred

location and a two-hour shift that is convenient for them. Volunteers can sign up for one or more two-hour shifts and will receive a confirmation email just prior to the selected date.

Funds raised during the annual Red Kettle Campaign help to assist local families and individuals in times of need. The money also helps maintain local services and self-improvement programs for children and adults.

Founded in 1865 by William Booth in London, England, the Salvation Army is a faith-based, non-profit organization dedicated to serving people in need without discrimination. At work in Michigan since 1887, the Salvation Army operates 180 facilities throughout the state. In 2007, these facilities were involved in providing more than 2.8 million meals and 770,314 nights of shelter for the homeless of Southeast Michigan alone. The

Salvation Army uses \$.83 of every dollar raised to provide direct services to people in need each and every day of the year, according to the organization.

For more information about the Salvation Army, call (877) SAL-MICH or visit www.salmich.org.



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Andrea Chamberlain for Sumpter Township Treasurer a 3rd generation Sumpter Twp resident, Andrea (25) grew up in Sumpter, graduated St. Anthony's Academy and Belleville High School, and currently attends Wayne County Community College (Dean's list 6/7 semesters), graduating in 2009 with an Associate's in Science degree. As Treasurer, Andrea will work to: institute strategies to increase Twp. revenue without increasing taxes; seek commercial and light industrial business growth; prioritize Twp expenditures with community services always coming first; and ensure property tax assessments are based on correct information. Well qualified to serve as Twp. Treasurer, Andrea is also endorsed by the Sumpter Democratic Caucus, UAW, Region 1A, 15th District Democratic Organization and Vawters Team.



Maggie Watson for Sumpter Township Clerk has grown up in Sumpter Township. A member of St. Anthony's Church and Belleville High School graduate (2005), Maggie served as President of the National Honor Society, member of Ambassador Chorale, and Student Conductor of BHS Choir. Maggie, currently an Honors College student at EMU is studying Public Administration and Gerontology, graduates in 2009. Maggie loves her community and is an avid volunteer with the Sumpter Seniors and Fire Dept., and the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Well qualified to serve the citizens of Sumpter Twp. as Clerk, Maggie is also endorsed by the Sumpter Democratic Caucus, 15th District Democratic Organization, and Vawters Team.



Mary Lou Carey for Huron Township Trustee as a wife, mother, former Township Clerk, and long time Huron Twp. resident (40+ yrs), Mary Lou is familiar with both family and Township issues and is experienced in Twp. government administration. Dedicated and compassionate, Mary Lou loves her community and is well qualified to serve the citizens of Huron Twp. as Trustee. Mary Lou is also endorsed by UAW, Region 1A and 15th District Democratic Organization.



Deb Kennedy for State Rep. (23rd District) A longtime Brownstown resident, Deb Kennedy is very familiar with the issues facing our families in Southern Wayne County. Deb pledges to preserve our way of life. As State Representative, Deb Kennedy will fight to create jobs, make health care more affordable, reform our government and improve our schools. Well qualified to serve as State Representative, Deb is also endorsed by UAW, Region 1A and 15th District Democratic Organization.

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* indicates incumbent

SPORTS

Eagles can't fly with Vikings

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

There were strange forces at work on Friday. Although Inkster scored 55 points against host Romulus in an early contest on Friday afternoon, it wasn't because the Viking offense looked exceptionally good or the Eagle defense seemed unusually bad in the 55-15 game.

It was actually quite the opposite. The Vikings struggled in most areas of their offense-especially the run game-against a pretty tough Romulus 5-2 defense. Take away a few Romulus mistakes and a few big plays by the Vikings, and the game might very well have been a lot closer or even gone the other way.

So how did Inkster pull out a 55-15 victory?

The answer lies with what happened on the opposite side of the ball for both teams. Inkster's defense was simply superior to Romulus's still-struggling offense that only produced 130 total yards.

"I knew they were going to be good," said Romulus Coach Keith Wittkopp of Inkster. "I think we drew up a pretty good game plan to stop them. Most times we did, but they just had a couple of big plays because they have a lot of talent. Defensively, I thought we were pretty good. Offensively we're struggling and still trying to work out some of the kinks."

Or is Inkster so good that even when they

struggle they can post 55 points? Inkster put together a respectable 342 total offensive yards but appeared to struggle for each and every one of them.

"We didn't play very well offensively," said Inkster Coach Greg Carter. "I expected to run the ball a little bit better. They did a very good job against our run game and gave us problems. We had a lot of turnovers and penalties; we're not happy the way that we played offense."

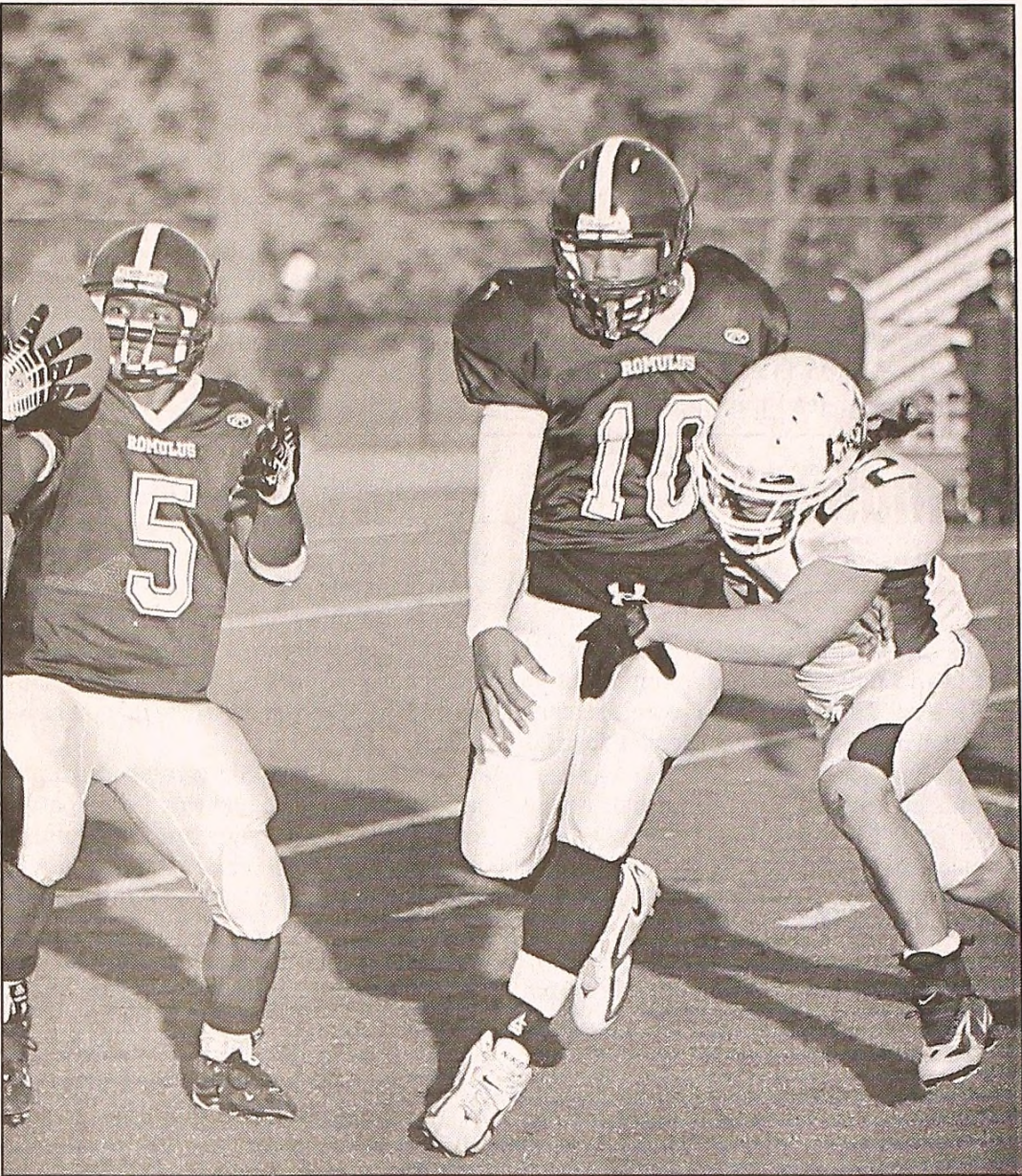
Inkster looked smooth on its opening drive.

Senior running back Alan Freeman busted loose on the first play for 60 yards and landed at the Eagles' 1-yard line. Two plays later, junior quarterback Devin Gardner punched in the first Viking touchdown for a 6-0 lead with 7:30 left in the first.

Romulus, on its following drive, attempted to go for it on 4th-and-2, but fumbled the snap to turn the ball over on downs.

Inkster took over but went further backward than forward on penalties, setting up a 4th-and-33 from its own 41. Gardner couldn't find an open receiver so he fled from the backfield for 56 yards. Freeman took it the remaining three yards to make it a 12-0 game with 2:29 left in the first.

On a rare occasion, Inkster was forced to punt on its next drive in the second quarter. Romulus made them pay for it when Antonio Brown returned the kick 70 yards for an Eagle score, cutting into the Vikings' lead, 12-7 with 9:37 left in the half.



Romulus senior quarterback Rodney Cofield (10) pitches back to junior running back Marcel Rogers (5) before being tackled by Inkster's Jose McNeal (22).

Romulus forced Inkster to punt again on the ensuing drive but this time Brown fumbled and the Vikings recovered on the 2-yard line. Freeman dragged defenders into the end zone for a 20-7 advantage.

The Eagles, with the help of an Inkster pass interference penalty, moved into Viking territory. But instead of capitalizing on it, two

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD OCTOBER 6, 2008 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-318

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 22, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. *Item Deleted*

08-319

4A. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to adopt a resolution recognizing Mrs. Elizabeth Buckley, wife of Herb Buckley as Mrs. Wayne County for 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-320

4B. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to adopt a resolution honoring Beatrice Lawrence on her 100th Birthday, October 13, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-321

4C. Motion by Crout, supported by Barden to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Walter Maurice Williams, Sr.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to accept the Chairpersons Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-322

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of Cynthia I. Lyon, City Planner, and legal counsel to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement (pending incorporation of language changes as requested by legal counsel) with LSL Planning, Inc., for review and revision of the City of Romulus Master Plan. Cost not to exceed \$28,600.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-323

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to concur with the Administration and authorize payment to the Conference of Western Wayne in the amount of \$5,112.00. Said dues are for membership for the fiscal year 2008-2009.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-324

5C. Motion by Crout, supported by Barden to concur with the Administration and authorize payment to the Downriver Community Conference in the amount of \$4,750.00. Said dues are for membership from October 2008 through September 2009.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-325

5D. Motion by Bragg, supported by Burcroff to concur with the Administration and authorize payment to renew our annual Downriver Mutual Aid Membership Dues for 2008 - 2009 with the Downriver Community Conference in the amount of \$15,277.51.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-326

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to approve the request from the Property Disposition Committee and approve the acquisition of parcels 80 044 01 0936 000 and 80 044 01 1304 from the State of Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-327

6A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to schedule a Public Hearing on November 24, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing objections to the Demolition of structures and removal of debris on Demolition List 08-01 in the City Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-328

6A3. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to grant a no-fee permit to the Chamber of Commerce for all activities on the Historical Park on October 16, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-329

6B. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to schedule a Study Session on October 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing an Amendment to the Romulus Code of Ordinance; Chapter 22-15, Parks and Recreation which would allow, with a permit, consumption of alcohol in the neighborhood parks.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-330

6A4. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to concur with Julie Albert, City Assessor and the following resolution: The City of Romulus requests that the State Tax Commission revoke the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate (#2004-462) granted to Lear Corp, 36310 Eureka Road, Romulus, Michigan on the grounds that the purposes for which the certificate was issued (manufacturing at 36310 Eureka, Romulus) are not being fulfilled as a result of a failure of the holder to proceed with the operation of the facility.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A5. *Deleted*

12. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.
Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
City of Romulus Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 6, 2008.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: October 23, 2008

SPORTS

Glenn netters beat Wayne, fall to Churchill

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The John Glenn Lady Rockets evened its Kensington Lakes Activities Association record to 4-4 and 15-10-5 overall when they split with Churchill and Wayne last week.

Although the Rockets are improving weekly, they were still no match for state-ranked Churchill. The Lady Chargers won in three games (17-25, 15-25, 15-25).

Halie Baker lead the Rocket's

offensive efforts with 10 kills and offered two blocks. Brittany Holbrook had nine kills and two blocks while Stacey Truskowski had three serving aces.

Holbrook and Truskowski led the defense with 28 and 22 digs respectively.

"Churchill showed why they are the 4th ranked team in the state," said Glenn Coach Julian Wargo. "Their strong outside attacking and consistent serving kept us on our heels tonight. The Chargers dug everything that we hit at them from

the outside, which kept the pressure on our middle attackers."

The Lady Rockets had better results when faced with visiting Wayne Memorial last Tuesday.

Glenn won the match in three games (25-10, 25-10, 25-6).

Holbrook led the attack with eight kills and three blocks. Halie Robinson added five kills. Mercedes Robinson led with 11 digs. Truskowski had 10, Holbrook, nine, and Brittany Robinson, eight.

Sarah Headrick in her first match up from junior varsity put in

a strong serving performance with seven aces. Halie Baker knocked down six aces.

"We moved up setter Sarah Headrick (a freshman) from the J.V. team and she has responded well," Wargo said. "This was her first full match at varsity and she moved the ball along the net with confidence."

That wasn't the only new look in the Glenn line up. Brooke Zywick moved back to defense to shore up the back row.

"We were able to establish our middle attack with Brittany

Holbrook and Halie Baker," Wargo said, "so things opened up on the outside for our hitters."

Bianca Hayes had four kill assists for Wayne. Catie Badrak had four digs and two kills.

"We struggled with serving and blocking," said Wayne Coach Robin Thomas.

Wayne is winless in division play, 0-7, and is 6-23-2 overall.

Glenn hosts Canton and Wayne hosts Plymouth at 7 p.m. on Thursday before the conference crossover games on Tuesday.

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plays later Inkster sophomore safety Donovan Lindsay snagged an interception and returned it 91 yards for a score. Freeman punched in the two-point conversion for a 28-7 lead.

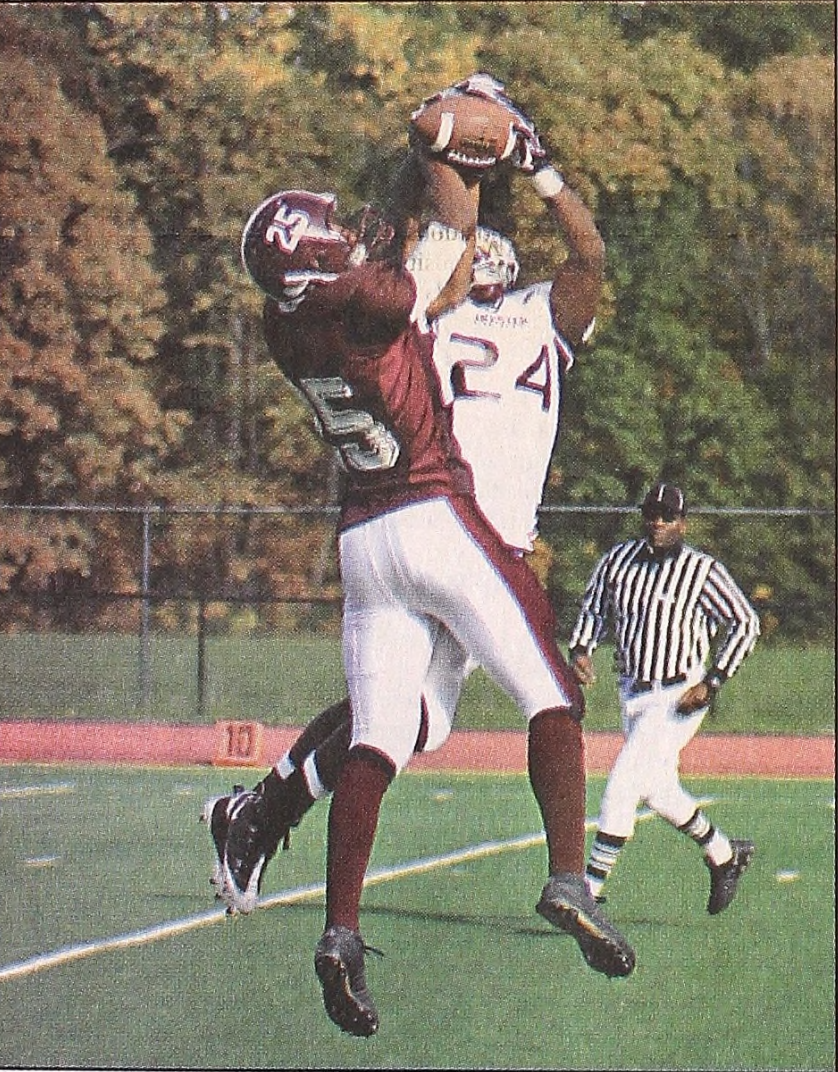
Inkster finished off the first half with a pass from Gardner to senior receiver Cameron Gordon to make it 34-7.

Inkster senior running back Kevin Brown ran in a 4-yard score with 7:07 left in the third and junior running back Alonso Collins capitalized on a Romulus fumble to score from five yards out in the fourth to make it 47-7.

On 4-and-11 from midfield, Romulus junior quarterback James Givens connected with senior wideout Donnavin Searcy. Givens found senior receiver Derek Kinney for two-points to make it 47-15.

Inkster senior running back Jose McNeal capped the scoring with a 13-yard jaunt.

The Vikings scored a majority of their points off of defensive and special teams play.



NOTICE
CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Pursuant to and by authority conferred upon me by the Secretary of State by Section 794C of Act No. 116 of the Public Act of 1954, as amended, notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test shall be conducted by the Election Commission of the City of Romulus at 3:00 p.m. Friday, October 24, 2008 in the City Clerk's Office, 11111 South Wayne Road, for the purpose of certifying the programs to be used in the counting devices which will be utilized to process Absentee Ballots in the November 4, General Election 2008. Said Meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizen may attend.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: October 23, 2008

CITY OF ROMULUS
CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION
MASTER PLAN UPDATE
KICK OFF MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2008
6:00 P.M.

The City of Romulus City Council and Planning Commission will be holding a joint workshop for the purpose of discussing the updating of the City of Romulus Master Plan. The City's Planning Consultant will present a brief presentation on the timeline for updating the Master Plan and discuss the basic principles of preparing an update to the Master Plan. The workshop will also include discussion with the members of the City Council and Planning Commission on the key areas of changes to the plan and what are the most important issues facing Romulus.

The meeting will be held at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485, in the Romulus City Council Chambers

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: October 23, 2008



Inkster senior running back Alan Freeman (2) breaks free for extra yardage against Romulus defense on Friday afternoon. Inkster won the game, 55-15, and improved to 7-1 on the season.

Inkster improved to 7-1 with the victory and heads to a 4-4 Allen Park at 7 p.m. Friday. Carter expressed how important it is to win the final game of the season before heading into the playoffs.

"You want to go in (to the playoffs) thinking that you can win," he said. "You always have to fear losing, in my opinion. So we always respect every team. We know that Allen Park is going to bring a really good effort. It will be a good challenge for us and a good way to go into the playoffs if we play well."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168 Section 798, a Public Hearing will be conducted on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan for the purpose of certifying the program to be used in the counting device which will be utilized to process voter ballots in the General Election to be held TUESDAY, November 4, 2008. Said meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend.

The Charter Township of Van Buren will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734.699.8909.

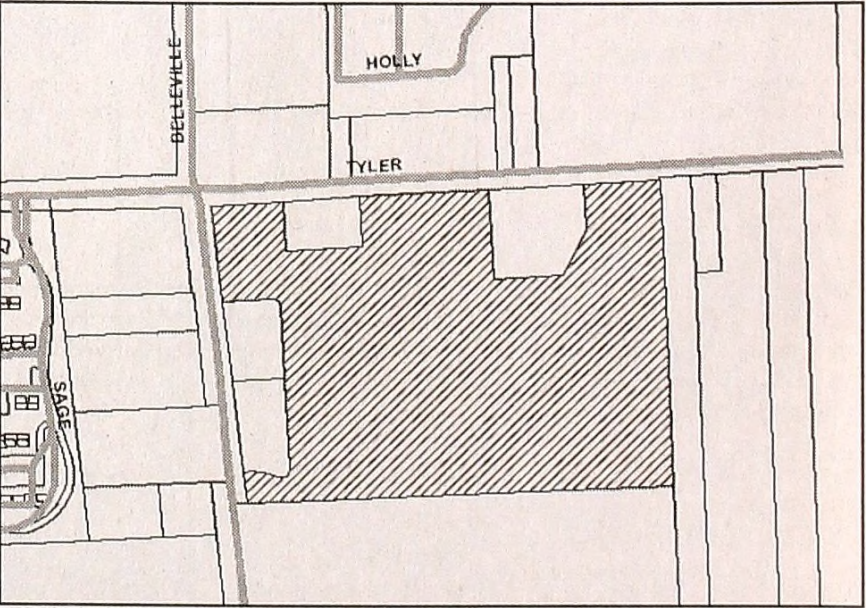
Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan.

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:
A portion of the parcel with the tax ID number V125-83-058-99-0006-705. This property is located on the east side of Belleville Road between the North I-94 Service Drive and Tyler Road, commonly known as 9701 Belleville Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below:



The applicant, Meijer Inc., is requesting special use approval. Special use approval is required for a Drive-Through Pharmacy per Section 12.03 (d) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., November 12, 2008, the date of the public hearing.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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SPORTS

Belleville Tigers fall in catfight with Allen Park Jaguars

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Friday's meeting between Belleville and host Allen Park was an all-out catfight, as the Tigers couldn't keep pace with the Jaguars in the 35-21 loss.

Belleville weathered a 14-0 pounding in the first quarter, but they batted down the hatches and crept back into the game in the second. The Tigers put together a seven-play, 75-yard drive that junior fullback Antonio LaBoda topped off with a three-yard run.

Junior halfback Keenan Hayes had a 30-yarder and 28 yards on three other carries to help the Tigers get into position. LaBoda preceded the score with three carries, including a 13-yard jaunt on a 2-and-12 play.

Allen Park headed to the locker room with a 14-7, lead but Belleville picked up where they left off in the third quarter.

Senior quarterback Lorenzo Reese connected with Hayes on a 52-yard play that knotted the game at 14. Allen Park countered on its next drive to make it 21-14.

Belleville had a chance to tie again at the end of the quarter, but turned the ball over

on downs after a failed fourth-down play on Allen Park's 1-yardline. That's when the bottom fell out. On their next drive, the Tigers plowed down to the Jags' 20-yard line-primed to score-before a picked-up fumble landed Allen Park on the Tigers' 33-yard line. The Jags eventually scored to up their lead, 28-14

Then Belleville fumbled the kickoff return, giving Allen Park a short field. The Jags capitalized on the mistake to extend their lead, 35-14.

The Tigers finally settled down and put together a 68-yard drive that ended with a nine-yard scoring pass from Reese to senior tight end Kaare Cigan.

Belleville attempted an onside kick that ended in Allen Park's care.

"I thought we moved the ball well on offense but we made too many mistakes and we had a hard time stopping them," said Belleville Coach Bob LaPointe. "When we couldn't score from the 1-yard line that really took the wind out of our balloon."

Belleville ran for 183 total yards. Hayes led the pack with 80 on 10 carries. LaBoda added 54 and Reese, 49. Reese was 5-for-6 passing for 104 yards for two scores and an

I tell the players that every game is winnable. There hasn't been a team we haven't had a chance against, we've just done some things that took us out of the contest.

Belleville Coach Bob LaPointe

interception. On defense, junior linebacker Alantae Phelan led with 12 tackles.

The Tigers are faced with their second winless season if they can't get by an 8-0 host Milan team at 7 p.m. on Friday. LaPointe thinks it's possible to pull out a victory.

"I tell the players that every game is winnable," he said. "There hasn't been a team we haven't had a chance against, we've just done some things that took us out of the contest."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 4, 2008

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that the General Election will be held TUESDAY, November 4, 2008.

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST. Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	North Middle School	47097 McBride
Precinct #2	Fire Station #2	7981 Belleville
Precinct #3	Van Buren Township Hall (Board Room)	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #4	Van Buren Township Hall (Gym)	46425 Tyler Rd
Precinct #5	Wayne County Community College Western Campus	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #6	Fire Station #1	45400 Hull Rd
Precinct #7	Belleville High (Auditorium)	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #8	Haggerty School	13770 Haggerty Rd
Precinct #9	Savage Elementary School	42975 Savage Rd
Precinct #10	South Middle School	45201 Owen St.

All polling place locations are handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office prior to Election Day.

Candidates for the following offices will be voted upon in the County of Wayne:

President/Vice President
United States Senator
Representative in Congress
State Representative
Member of the State Board of Education
Member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents
Member of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees
Member of the Wayne State University Board of Governors
County Prosecutor
County Sheriff
County Clerk
County Treasurer
County Register of Deeds
County Commissioner
Justices of the Supreme Court – 1 position
Judge of Court of Appeals – 1st District – 3 positions
Judges of 3rd Circuit Court – Incumbent – 18 positions
Judges of 3rd Circuit Court – Non-Incumbent – 3 positions
Judges of 3rd Circuit Court – Incumbent – Partial Term Ending 01/01/2011 – 2 positions
Judges of Probate Court – Incumbent – 3 positions
Judge of 34th District Court
Township Offices:
Supervisor
Clerk
Treasurer
Trustees – 4 positions
Van Buren Public Schools – 2 positions

PROPOSALS
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PERMIT THE USE AND CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA FOR SPECIFIED MEDICAL CONDITIONS

PROPOSAL 08-2
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WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
MILLAGE RENEWAL AND REDUCTION

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Van Buren Public Schools
MILLAGE PROPOSAL BUILDING AND SITE FUND

Van Buren Public Schools
MILLAGE PROPOSAL BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND

Lincoln Consolidated School District
MILLAGE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE EARMARKED FUNDS TO OPERATE COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The County Treasurer's Statement:
I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan do hereby certify that, as of September 12, 2008 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Wayne County Wayne County Michigan			
Local Unit	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2009
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2011
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2005	0.25 mills	2010
Wayne County Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2010
Charter Township of Van Buren	August 7, 1990 August 7, 2007	6 mills 4 mill	2010 2012
Lincoln Consolidated Schools	June, 1994 June, 2003	18 mills 2.0 mills	2013 (non homest) 2013
Van Buren Public Schools	August, 2006 June, 1998	18 mills 1.3 mills	2011 (non homest) 2015

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111, 734-699-8909. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the November 4, 2008 General Election for Van Buren Township is Saturday, November 1, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Township Clerk's Office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN
NOTICE TO ELECTORS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a General Election will be held in the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, from 7 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the evening, Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of voting on candidates for the following office:

Electors for President and Vice President of the United States
United States Senator
United States Representative in Congress
Representative in State Legislature
Two Members of the State Board of Education
Two Regents of the University of Michigan
Two Trustees of Michigan State University
Two Governors of Wayne State University
Prosecuting Attorney
Sheriff
County Clerk
County Treasurer
Register of Deeds
County Commissioner
Justice of the Supreme Court, (Vote 1)
Judge of the Court of Appeals - 1st. District, (Incumbent Position - Vote 3)
Judges of the Circuit Court - 3rd. Judicial Circuit, (Incumbent positions - Vote 18)
Judges of the Circuit Court - 3rd. Judicial Circuit,
(Non-Incumbent positions - Vote 3)
Judges of the Circuit Court - 3rd. Judicial Circuit, Partial Term Ending 1/1/2011
(Incumbent positions - Vote 2)
Judge of Probate Court, (Incumbent Positions - Vote 3)
Judge of District Court - 34th. District (Regular Term - Belleville, Romulus, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren only-Vote 1)
Trustee - Wayne County Community College (Where applicable, District 9 - Vote 1)

and, the following proposals:

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LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSAL

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SINKING FUND PROPOSAL.

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSAL

OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Each person voting on the above must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America.
- (b) A registered elector of the City of Romulus.
- (c) Eighteen (18) years of age or older.

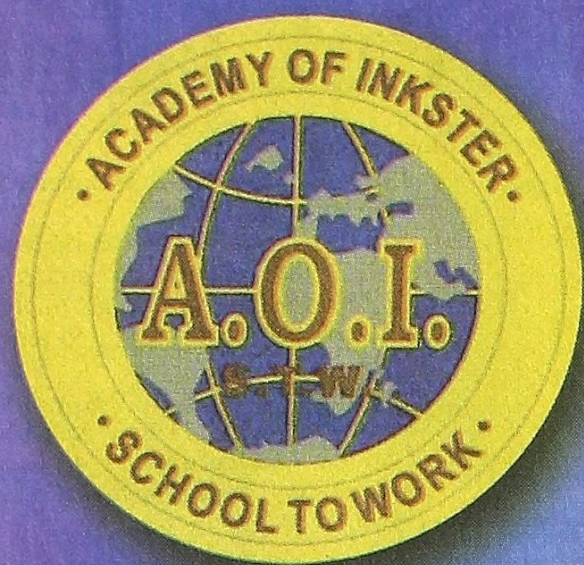
The polling places will be open for voting from 7:00 a.m., to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- 1 Wick School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, MI
- 2 Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, MI
- 3 Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, MI
- 4 Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI
- 5 Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI
- 6 Rudgate Community Center, 7040 Shawnee, Romulus, MI
- 7 Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior Road, Romulus, MI
- 8 Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, MI
- 9 Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, MI
- 10 Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, MI
- 11 Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior Road, Romulus, MI
- 12 Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI
- 13 Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI
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Public notice is hereby given by the Romulus City Clerk in accordance with Section 168.653a of the Michigan Elections Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: October 23, 2008



ACADEMY OF INKSTER

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SCHOOL CULTURE

THE ACADEMY OF INKSTER FOCUSES ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT AND COMBINES THE EFFORTS OF PARENTS, EDUCATORS AND THE COMMUNITY TO BENEFIT EVERY CHILD.

ALL TEACHERS AT THE ACADEMY OF INKSTER ARE CERTIFIED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AND WE PROMOTE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR LEARNING WITH HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL OF STUDENTS.

THE ACADEMY OF INKSTER CLASS OF 2007 AND 2008 WERE AWARDED OVER \$190,000 SCHOLARSHIP AND OUR SCHOOL HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FOR MEETING ITS REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT!



CURRICULUM

THE ACADEMY OF INKSTER SPECIALIZES IN VOCATIONAL AND ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE RIGOROUS STANDARDS AIMED AT MAXIMIZING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND CHANGES FOR SUCCESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY.

THE ACADEMY OF INKSTER OFFERS SCHOOL TO WORK PROGRAMS FEATURING:

***COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY** - SPECIALIZING IN WEB PAGE DESIGN; FLASH COMPUTER ANIMATION; MICROSOFT OFFICE AND HTML COMPUTER CODE.

***COSMETOLOGY** - IN THIS NEW FACILITY WE FEATURE A FULL SERVICE SALON WITH 20 HAIR STATIONS AND OFFER MANICURES AND PEDICURES! COMPLETION OF 1500 HOURS ALLOWS STUDENTS TO SIT FOR THE STATE LICENSING EXAM AND WE ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! CALL TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

***MEDICAL ASSISTANT** - THIS CAREER IS IN DEMAND AND OUR STUDENTS GET PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES THROUGH INTERNSHIPS AT SOME OF OUR AREAS BEST HOSPITALS INCLUDING DMC, HENRY FORD AND FAMILY PRACTICES AND CLINICS

***DUAL ENROLLMENT** - WE ALSO OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT FOR COURSES THROUGH OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE. LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS GREAT MONEY-SAVING OPPORTUNITY BY CONTACTING OUR SCHOOL!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

TO PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL STUDENTS, THE ACADEMY OF INKSTER ALSO HAS MANY CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

**BUSINESS CLUB BASKETBALL DRAMA CLUB DRILL TEAM
NEWSPAPER STUDENT COUNCIL CHEERLEADING AND MANY MORE**